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SUBJECT: RABBI KAHANE TEL AVIV PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. FBIS REPORT OF KAHANE'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS
CITED REFTEL FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE JERUSALEM DOMESTIC SERVICE IN HEBREW 1140
GMT 10 MAY 76 TA (MIDDAY NEWSREEL). (EXCERPT) THE
JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE WILL STEP UP ITS ACTIONS IN THE
UNITED STATES AND IN EUROPE TO THE EXTENT OF KIDNAPING
SOVIET DIPLOMATS AND CITIZENS AND RELEASING THEM IN
EXCHANGE FOR THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS OF ZION IN THE USSR.
THESE REMARKS WERE MADE BY RABBI MEIR KAHANE AT A PRESS
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CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV. PEOPLE SUCH AS SYLVIA ZALMANSON AND ALEXANDER TIOMKIN (FORMER SOVIET PRISONERS) PARTICIPATED IN THIS PRESS CONFERENCE, AND THEY ANNOUNCED THAT THEY SUPPORT THE ACTIONS OF THE LEAGUE AND THAT THE ONLY LANGUAGE THE RUSSIANS UNDERSTAND IS THE LANGUAGE OF FORCE. OUR CORRESPONDENT GID'ON ROTEM WAS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE. (BEGIN RECORDING)

(ROTEM) UPON LEAVING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, RABBI KAHANE SAID: WE WILL GO TO THE U.S. EMBASSY AND THERE WILL

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

(KAHANE) IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE A SERIOUS ESCALATION. WE ARE REFERRING TO KIDNAPINGS OF RUSSIANS IN NEW YORK. MORE THAN THIS. THE BALL IS NOW IN THEIR HANDS IN AMERICA AND IN RUSSIA. IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SITTING DOWN AND REACHING SOME KIND OF COMPROMISE, I AM PREPARED TO BE THE MEDIATOR AND THE PERSUADER OF THE LEAGUE MEMBERS AND THE JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE, TO PERSUADE THEM TO SLIGHTLY MODERATE THEIR ACTIONS. AND IF NOT THEN ALL THE BEST TO THEM AND THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY, AS JEWS, HAVE TO DO. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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